

Rohrabacher	Shea-Porter	Titus
Rooney	Sherman	Tonko
Ros-Lehtinen	Shimkus	Tsongas
Roskam	Shuler	Turner
Ross	Simpson	Upton
Roybal-Allard	Skelton	Van Hollen
Royce	Slaughter	Velázquez
Ruppersberger	Smith (NE)	Visclosky
Ryan (OH)	Smith (NJ)	Walden
Ryan (WI)	Smith (TX)	Walz
Salazar	Smith (WA)	Wasserman
Sánchez, Linda	Snyder	Schultz
T.	Space	Waters
Sanchez, Loretta	Speier	Watson
Sarbanes	Spratt	Watt
Scalise	Stearns	Waxman
Schakowsky	Stupak	Weiner
Schauer	Sullivan	Welch
Schiff	Sutton	Westmoreland
Schmidt	Tanner	Whitfield
Schock	Taylor	Wilson (OH)
Schrader	Teague	Wilson (SC)
Schwartz	Terry	Wittman
Scott (GA)	Thompson (MS)	Wolf
Scott (VA)	Thompson (PA)	Woolsey
Sensenbrenner	Thornberry	Wu
Serrano	Tiahrt	Yarmuth
Sessions	Tiberi	Young (FL)
Shadegg	Tierney	

NOT VOTING—40

Bachmann	Gerlach	Putnam
Barrett (SC)	Grayson	Rahall
Becerra	Grijalva	Rothman (NJ)
Bilbray	Hinchey	Rush
Bilirakis	Holden	Sestak
Blunt	Inglis	Shuster
Boozman	Jackson Lee	Sires
Brady (PA)	(TX)	Souder
Costa	Kirk	Stark
Culberson	Manzullo	Thompson (CA)
Davis (AL)	McCaul	Towns
Diaz-Balart, M.	Paul	Wamp
Dicks	Platts	Young (AK)
Flake	Price (GA)	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members have 2 minutes in which to record their vote.

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 5015

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 5015.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 1508

Mr. NADLER of New York. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 1508, a bill originally introduced by Representative Wexler of Florida, for the purposes of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

JOSHUA'S HEART FOUNDATION

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize two outstanding constituents from my district in South Florida: Claudia McLean and her 9-year-old son Joshua Williams who founded Joshua's Heart Foundation 4 years ago.

Next month, Joshua and Claudia will be honored by the Sodexo Foundation at its annual dinner right here in Washington, DC.

The Joshua Heart Foundation's mission is to work toward ending global hunger as part of an overall community effort. Once a month, Joshua's organization distributes food, in addition to feeding the homeless every week. They deliver food to the sick, the elderly and the helpless. Currently, food is provided for over 100 homeless people and about 450 families on a monthly basis.

Claudia and Joshua, I would like to commend you for your service to our community and indeed our Nation. Thank you for your dedication and your commitment to improving the lives of South Floridians in need.

PROTECTING THE INNOVATION AND JOBS IN THE MEDICAL DEVICE INDUSTRY

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, the medical device industry is a Minnesotan and American success story. The innovation it fosters means longer lives, healthier patients, good-paying jobs, and economic growth.

Just this morning, I attended a town hall meeting in Minnesota with the new head of the FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Dr. Jeffrey Shuren. Dr. Shuren and his team were in town to hear from device manufacturers, doctors and patients. I applaud his willingness and his team's willingness to listen.

As the FDA looks to the future, it is critical that it strikes the right balance—protecting patients from harm while not hindering the availability of lifesaving innovations. An uncertain, unpredictable approval process for devices could absolutely reduce options for patients down the road. We need to keep the innovation here. We need to keep the jobs here. We need to keep the technology and the patient care here in the United States. That's why we need an effective process that protects patients while fostering the innovation and economic growth that this industry provides.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of Jan-

uary 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

USE MORE STICKS, FEWER CARROTS WITH AFGHANISTAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, last week's state visit did absolutely nothing to ease serious concerns about the leadership of Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai. Our counterterrorism strategy is supposed to depend on having a stable, responsive, transparent, democratic government that enjoys the confidence of the Afghan people. Instead, Mr. Karzai's government has proven itself to be irresponsible and ineffective in a way that jeopardizes his country's future and the safety of American troops. Karzai has lashed out at the United States, even threatening at one point to join the Taliban. And our own Ambassador to Afghanistan has publicly questioned his reliability as a strategic partner.

While we have no choice but to have a dialogue with President Karzai, it is critical that our approach to this relationship involve at least as many sticks as carrots. We owe the American people some assurance that we are not letting the Afghan Government misuse our tax dollars with impunity.

Mr. Speaker, the Center for American Progress has a new report that discusses the crisis of governance in Afghanistan. The government, it says, "operates on a highly centralized patronage model in which power and resources are channeled through Karzai's personal and political allies. The system lacks the connection, the rules, and the checks and balances necessary to make leaders truly accountable to the domestic population."

One of the allies, Mr. Speaker, referenced in the report is Karzai's brother, a thuggish political boss who rules Kandahar with an iron fist. There is evidence that he operates his own militia and is actively involved in the drug trade. The report goes on to note that our Afghanistan strategy has overemphasized the military solution and neglected the critical task of helping build viable state organs, especially at the local level.

In Marja, for example, we left no government infrastructure behind after the military cleared out the Taliban. Our single-minded focus on using hard power to vanquish terrorists just isn't working. The Taliban remains a potent political force; and the more government fails to provide basic services, the more likely are the Afghan people to rush into the arms of the Taliban.

The answer, Mr. Speaker, is the smart security platform. I have been advocating this smart security platform for years. Instead of a military surge which represents more of the same old failed policy, what we clearly need is an aggressive civilian surge.

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We need to divert resources away from troop deployment and toward programs that will empower the Afghan people and bolster the capacity and competence of their government, a government that works for their people and with the international community.

At his press conference with President Karzai, President Obama said that "Afghans are a proud people who have suffered and sacrificed greatly because of their determination to shape their own destiny." Mr. Speaker, that is undoubtedly true, and that's why they deserve better than government by cynicism, and American troops also deserve better than to shed blood for a corrupt and dysfunctional regime.

So, Mr. Speaker, it's time to bring our troops home and launch a smart security plan, and it's important that we do it today.

HONORING JUANITA WORSLEY WILLIAMS ON HER 98TH BIRTHDAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, there are not many Members of Congress that have the honor to wish a beautiful lady a happy 98th birthday, especially when the lady was present at his birth. Mrs. Juanita Worsley Williams, from my hometown of Farmville, lived next door, and she and her husband, Dr. Roderick Williams, were good friends of my parents. In fact, Juanita Williams assisted her husband in delivering me on February 10, 1943.

Juanita is the daughter of Lula Lee Blake Worsley and William H. Worsley. She was born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, at Park View Hospital in 1912.

Mrs. Williams and her husband raised their children in Farmville and lived next door to my family for years. She was very good friends with my mother, and I often played with her children.

Juanita and Dr. Roderick Williams have three children: Nan Williams Gibson, Dr. Roderick Williams, Jr., and Lu Williams Leonard. She also has eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

When Juanita's husband died in 1964, she began working at the Sam D. Bundy Elementary School as a secretary. She loved her job, and everyone loved her in return.

Friendship and community service have always been important to Mrs. Williams. She was very active locally and statewide in the Daughters of the American Revolution and Girl Scouts. She also organized the CAR, Children of the American Revolution, in our hometown of Farmville. Because of her love for the youth of our community, Mrs. Williams, who was also a devoted member of the First Baptist Church, participated in Sunday school, vacation Bible school, and youth fellowship meetings.

Mrs. Williams just returned from a trip to the Panama Canal. While there, she visited with nephews and nieces and had a wonderful time. Juanita was very pleased that the canal will be widened and not replaced.

Juanita Williams has given her life to making her community of Farmville a better place to live, whether it be by organizing the Meals on Wheels program or helping with the Girl Scouts. She is a true American who believes and lives the traditional values of placing God, home, and country first in her life.

Juanita Williams always has two wonderful things to say to everyone: "I love you," and "God bless you." She always says that her secret for longevity is love, love for others and love for God.

I'm truly honored to know such a wonderful lady and have this opportunity to honor her on this special day. I want Mrs. Williams to know how much she meant to the Jones family and that we love her.

May God continue to bless Juanita Williams, her family, and our country. And may God continue to bless America.

HONORING THE CHATHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. ETHERIDGE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of a resolution that was on the floor earlier which I introduced with my friend Congressman DAVID PRICE and which honors the historic and community significance of the Chatham County Courthouse in Pittsboro, North Carolina. I would like to thank Majority Leader HOYER, Judiciary Committee Chairman CONYERS, Subcommittee Chairman JOHNSON, and really the entire North Carolina delegation, each of whom helped bring this important resolution to the floor.

On March 25 of this year, a tragic fire struck and almost totally destroyed the Chatham County Courthouse, which has been a beacon of justice and the rule of law for over 100 years. Anyone who has ever driven through Pittsboro, around the traffic circle surrounding the courthouse, can attest to its beauty and how central its presence has been to the Pittsboro community, the county, and the State of North Carolina. The entire community rose to its defense as the fire blazed and even now is working to rebuild it. Thanks to the heroic actions of the firefighters, first responders, community leaders, and Chatham County citizens, I am confident that Pittsboro will again have a courthouse that the town and the county can be proud of.

I would like to particularly recognize some of the leaders who were instrumental in managing and alleviating this unexpected tragedy and really kept the building from being totally

destroyed: Thomas Bender, who is the Chatham County fire marshal; Daryl Griffin, Pittsboro fire chief, and all of the adjoining fire departments that came to help; David Collins, Pittsboro police chief; Richard H. Webster, sheriff of Chatham County; Randy Voller, mayor of the town of Pittsboro; Larry Chisolm, Chatham County district attorney; Allen Baddour, superior court judge, Chatham County District 15B; and the entire Chatham County board of commissioners who rallied, who stood the streets, who brought the community together.

I ask my colleagues, as this resolution comes to the floor, to join me in honoring these North Carolina leaders and those who love the community of Pittsboro and the Chatham County Courthouse, a cultural icon and a landmark that will not easily be forgotten. By supporting this resolution, it will be rebuilt by the people of Chatham County.

IS PRESIDENT CALDERON HYPOCRITICAL?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Mexican President Felipe Calderon says he thinks Arizona's new illegal immigration enforcement law will open the door to "intolerance, hate, discrimination and abuse in law enforcement." Calderon's coming to the White House to talk to our President about it tomorrow. I wonder if they'll discuss whether or not Calderon supports his own country's immigration policy.

Mr. Speaker, writer Michelle Malkin recently published some really interesting research on Mexican immigration laws. The Mexican Government bars any foreigner from immigrating to Mexico if they upset "the equilibrium of the national demographic." I wonder if President Calderon thinks that's racial or ethnic profiling. Mexican law further bars immigration unless a person enhances Mexico's "economic or national interests." Immigrants are not welcome in Mexico if they're not "physically or mentally healthy" or if they show "contempt against Mexico's national sovereignty or security." Imagine that.

Immigrants to Mexico must have squeaky clean criminal histories. And to apply for Mexican citizenship, immigrants have to show a birth certificate, and they have to provide a bank statement that proves that they are economically independent. In other words, you can't go to Mexico and live off the Mexican Government. And they also have to prove they can pay for their own private health care.

What are the penalties for failure to comply with Mexican immigration laws? Illegal entry into the country is equivalent to a felony punishable by 2 years' imprisonment. Document fraud is subject to fine and imprisonment; so